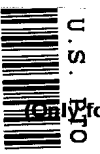


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- 1. Specification Total Pages 32
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- 5. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
Sony Corporation
- 6. Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
- 7. English Translation Document to follow (if applicable)
- 8. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
- 9. Preliminary Amendment
- 10. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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- 11. Small Entity Statement filed in prior Application, Status still proper and desired
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